

And indeed, for the millions of Little League fans around the world, the 2006 Little League Championship game will go down as one of the best single games in the history of the event.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT  
CHRISTOPHER SWANSON

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the tragic death of a young soldier from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, who gave the ultimate measure of sacrifice in the global war on terror, saddens all of us. As we continue to fight this war, the loss of each and every service member is a tragedy.

Anne Arundel County, the state of Maryland, and our Nation lost a great hero when Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Swanson of Rose Haven was killed in Anbar on July 22.

More than 50 of Maryland's bravest have now died in the war in Iraq.

Christopher Swanson was completely dedicated to protecting his fellow troops. He wrote on his personal website, "I would do anything for them even if it means giving my life to save theirs."

Swanson was highly regarded in his family and community. As a teenager, he traveled on mission trips with members of the First Baptist Church in Upper Marlboro, providing the hope of a better life to gang members in West Virginia and Ohio.

He was the captain of his soccer team at Southern High School, where faculty remembered a "happy go-lucky kid that was always lending a hand."

In August of 1999, Sergeant Swanson enlisted in the Army, even as others tried to talk him out of it. He served in Kosovo as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, and was part of the initial assault on Iraq in March of 2003, the first of three tours.

Sergeant Swanson was awarded two purple hearts, one after being injured by an improvised explosive device just weeks before he was killed. He persevered, telling his brother Kenneth that he would not be sidelined.

Christopher Swanson gave his life for all of us. As his representative in Congress, I am grateful for his patriotism and his sacrifice. The Fifth District of Maryland and all Americans join the Swanson family in mourning the loss of this fine young man, a real hero.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF JUDGE  
JOHN W. GOODSON

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Judge John W. Goodson, a true treasure to the community of Texarkana, Arkansas, and to the entire state of Arkansas. Judge Goodson passed away August 18, 2006, in Texarkana, Arkansas, at the age of 80.

John W. Goodson began practicing law in 1951 and was known as a "gentle giant" in

the courtroom because of his imposing height, booming voice and tender heart. Throughout his distinguished career as a lawyer and Circuit Judge, John Goodson was a mentor and a friend to many. Some of those he mentored moved on to become international lawyers, elected prosecutors, Circuit Judges, Arkansas Supreme Court Judges and a federal Judge.

Judge Goodson served as the presiding Circuit Judge in courts in Miller, Lafayette, Hempstead and Nevada counties in Southwest Arkansas.

Judge Goodson was a World War II Air Force Veteran, a member of the Arkansas Masonic Lodge, and a board member and former Sunday school teacher at the First United Methodist Church in Texarkana, Arkansas.

Nothing meant more in the life of John W. Goodson than the love he had for his family. This love was evident in all he did, from his active involvement in his church to his role as a community leader.

My condolences go out to his wife, Doris; his daughters Jan Murphy and Mary Jane Briggs; his son John Goodson; and his three granddaughters, Jane Anne Murphy, Wesley Hana Goodson and Mary Claire Briggs. Judge Goodson will be sorely missed in Texarkana and throughout the state of Arkansas.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF DR. GAYLE HOLLIDAY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Dr. Gayle Holliday, an important resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent. This week, Dr. Holliday is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri. I had the privilege of nominating Gayle for the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses' Celebration of Leadership Unsung Hero Award. While this award carries no monetary prize, it is no less a testament to her devotion to bettering our area. For more than 35 years, Gayle has dedicated her life to the Greater Kansas City community, promoting and improving socio-economic conditions, political empowerment and civil rights of people of color.

Dr. Holliday holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, a Masters in Public Administration, and a Ph.D. in Management and Applied Technology. She is the President and Owner of G & H Consulting, LLC, which has been in business for more than 10 years, helping clients in the public, private and non-profit sectors with strategic planning and business plan development. She was recently appointed by Jackson County, Missouri to oversee the minority and women hiring by contractors and subcontractors for the Truman Sports Complex renovation, which is home of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals. Additionally, under President Bill Clinton, Gayle was selected as one of a small group of individuals to represent the transportation industry on the President's transition team.

Civically, Dr. Holliday serves on twelve boards in the Greater Kansas City Area with varied interests such as healthcare, education, economic development, and diversity in such areas as race, sex, and religion. Through these community activities, Gayle amasses more than 70 hours of community service each month. She is also a member of the church I pastor, St. James United Methodist Church, and finds time to serve as chair of the Pastor Parish Staff Relations Committee. In all of her activities, she demonstrates her dedication and commitment to the greater good of others. Her high energy pace translates directly to the results she is able to obtain for the benefit of all in the Greater Kansas City Area. Regardless of whether she is in the trenches or the boardroom, her poise and thoughtfulness is ever present.

Throughout her life, Dr. Gayle Holliday has exercised a tireless belief in the principle of putting "others" before "self." She has put her principles to practice, and the effects of her efforts can be felt throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to recognize Dr. Holliday at the Missouri Walk of Fame reception, hosted by myself and fellow Missourian, U.S. Representative WILLIAM LACY CLAY of St. Louis.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Dr. Gayle Holliday and her endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri. She is a true role model not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire African-American community at large. May her success serve as a stepping stone for many other African-Americans eager to be just as successful in their endeavors. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work she has done, it is a heartfelt gesture, taking strength from the myriad lives she has touched in our hometown.

TRIBUTE TO NORTHWEST INDIANA  
FEDERATION OF LABOR

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate some of the most devoted and proficient workers in Northwest Indiana. The Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor AFL-CIO will recognize several individuals for their dedication during the 32nd Annual Community Awards Reception to be held at the Duneland Falls Banquet Center in Chesterton, Indiana on Thursday, August 31, 2006. These individuals, in addition to the other Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are a tribute to the ideal American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

At this year's event, several individuals will receive special recognition. Mr. Thomas Conway, United Steelworkers International Union Vice President, is this year's recipient of the President's Award. Mr. Conway is being honored for enhancing the well-being of workers throughout Northwest Indiana by countless contributions which further the philosophy of the Labor Movement.